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## **Lifting Equipment Safety Management Systems (LESMS) Operators and Managers Course**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

#### **Email**

[lee.culshaw100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:lee.culshaw100@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Lifting Equipment Safety Management Systems (LESMS) Operators and Managers Course

Reference number

713223457

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79632000 - Personnel-training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, intends to award a 5 year contract with a value of £128,600 to Imes International Ltd for the provision of training to Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) personnel in use of the Lifting Equipment Safety Management System (LESMS). In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons. This is because IMES are the manufacturers of the LESMS and the only supplier with the technical knowledge and understanding to train the RFA in the effective use of the system. This training is crucial in the effective operation of the Lifting Equipment Safety Management System. There are no other suppliers who are able to produce and deliver the required training in the use of the LESMS as IMES do not allow any other company to provide this and failure to procure would jeopardize safe operation and maintenance of this system across all RFA vessels.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £128,600

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

### Contract No

713223457

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

29 November 2024

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Imes International Ltd

Aberdeen

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £128,600

### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom